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NOTIFICATION OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NRC MATERIALS PROGRAM  
EVALUATION (PROJECT AIM INITIATIVE) ON NOVEMBER 16, 2015 (STC-15-079)

**Purpose:** The purpose of the meeting is for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to share information and seek public input on the current Project AIM Initiative to evaluate the NRC materials program.

**Background:** Project Aim is a proactive NRC initiative to improve agency efficiency and agility, driven largely by the need to align agency structure and processes with numerous external challenges. As part of Project Aim, the NRC staff is evaluating consolidation of the NRC materials program to determine if consolidation would improve the materials program efficiency and effectiveness. This evaluation includes aspects related to the oversight and implementation of the National Materials Program including decommissioning and uranium recovery. During the meeting, the NRC staff will solicit input on the consolidation from the public. This input will assist the agency in evaluating the materials program for potential efficiency and effectiveness gains and further consolidation.

**Discussion:** The enclosed Public Meeting Announcement contains important information on how to participate in the meeting including the date, time, location, teleconference phone number, and webinar registration URL. The enclosed Public Meeting Agenda details the structure of the meeting and contains five discussion questions that attendees are encouraged to consider prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (301) 415-3340 or the individual named below:

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Enclosure: Public Meeting Announcement and Agenda

## PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Public Meeting / Webinar to Discuss the NRC Materials Program Evaluation (Project AIM Initiative)

Date/Time: November 16, 2015, 01:30 PM to 03:30 PM

Location: NRC, Two White Flint North, T8A1  
11545 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD

Category: This is a Category 3 meeting. Public participation is actively sought for this meeting to fully engage the public in a discussion of regulatory issues.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is for NRC staff to share information and seek input from its stakeholders on the NRC's Materials Program. This input will assist the agency in evaluating the Materials Program for potential efficiency gains and consolidation. This evaluation includes aspects related to the oversight and implementation of the National Materials Program including Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery as well.

To assist participants, discussion questions are provided in the agenda to help guide subject areas of comments sought.

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Region I  
Region III  
Region IV

Teleconference: Bridge Number Pass Code  
866-500-0778 8024886

Webinar: Registration URL  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4929211053063034625>  
Webinar ID  
153-876-435

Comments: Please see discussion questions in meeting agenda.

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
1:30	Welcome and Introductory Remarks	NRC
1:40	Overview of Project Aim	NRC
1:50	Overview of Materials Program Evaluation	NRC
2:00	Solicit Input from Public	NRC
3:20	Summary and Closing Comments	Public/NRC
3:30	Adjourn	NRC

Questions:

- 1) Is the physical location of the responsible NRC staff (HQ/RI/RIII/RIV) a significant factor in determining the level and quality of interactions (e.g., response times to incidents, public outreach) with licensees, Agreement States, and non-Agreement States? Why or Why not?
- 2) Would consolidating all materials program management in one physical location affect the efficiency of the Materials Program? Why or Why not?
- 3) Based on your experiences, what processes related to the Materials Program should the NRC assess in the functional areas of 1) licensing, 2) inspection, and 3) event response?
  - a. What can the NRC do to make those processes more effective and efficient?
- 4) During past NRC consolidations (2015 FSME/NMSS Office merger, 2006 FSME Office creation, 2006 Region I/Region II materials program consolidation, and 1995 Region IV/Region V Office consolidation), what were the impacts on the external stakeholder (licensee, Agreement State, non-Agreement State)?
- 5) Are there any other considerations the NRC should factor into its deliberation for potential consolidation of its Materials Program?